

Report on the ZooBank Symposium: ESA Annual Meeting, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, 18 December 2005

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A meeting to present and discuss the ZooBank registry and other aspects of animal nomenclature and taxonomy was held as a late breaking symposium during the 2005 Annual Meeting of the Entomological Society of America. The meeting was arranged as a series of six presentations, preceded by an introduction from Frank Krell, organiser of the symposium, and followed by a panel discussion.

The title and content of the symposium were as follows:

'Revolutionising taxonomy through an open-access web-register for animal names and descriptions'

13.30–13.35: Frank Krell (Department of Entomology, Natural History Museum, London, U.K.):

Welcome and Introduction

13.35–13.50: Andrew Polaszek (ICZN, London):

'ZooBank: ICZN's open-access web-based register of all new animal names and original descriptions'

13.50–14.00: Nigel Robinson (Thomson Zoological, York, U.K.):

'ZooBank and Zoological Record: a partnership for success'

14.00–14.10: Per de Place Bjorn (GBIF, Copenhagen, Denmark):

'ZooBank and GBIF'

14.10–14.25: Richard Pyle (Bishop Museum, Honolulu):

'Implementing the Digital Taxonomic Revolution: Strategies for a Successful Web-Based Registry of Taxonomic Names'

14.25–14.35: Norman Johnson (Ohio State University, Columbus) & Donat Agosti (American Museum of Natural History, New York):

'Copyright: the new taxonomic impediment'

14.35–14.45: James Woolley (Texas A&M University):

'Name accessibility: one less impediment to taxonomy'

14.45–15.30: Panel discussion

The presentations and discussion attracted a large and lively audience providing much discussion and debate. Detailed summaries of each presentation will be given in the next issue of the *Bulletin of Zoological Nomenclature*, and the Powerpoint presentations can also be currently accessed via the ICZN website. Nigel Robinson's presentation was given by a remote audio link, and Rich Pyle's by both audio and video. We therefore express our gratitude to Grayson Brown and his team, particularly Kate Elliott for technical support, and the symposium's organisers, Susan Weller and Kathleen Shields.

During the annual meeting of the Entomological Collections Network (ECN), held in conjunction with ESA on 14–15 December, Frank Krell also addressed the subject of ZooBank.

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ZooBank Symposium, Fort Lauderdale, 18 December 2005; clockwise from top left: Rich Pyle in a live video link from Honolulu describes the ZooBank Registry proposal; Jim Woolley (speaker), Luciana Musetti and Norm Johnson (discussion panel); Per de Place Björn (GBIF); Jim Woolley (Texas A&M University); Andrew Polaszek (ICZN); Norm Johnson (Ohio State University); Frank-Thorsten Krell (Natural History Museum, London). Photographs: Kate Elliott.